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AMENDMENTS TO IRRIGATION BILL

Washington Proposes Some Changes in Measure Making Kau Ditch Possible.

MCCROSSON ALSO AGREEABLE

Local Interests Send Man to Lobby Against the Leilehua Water Grant.

Keen interest in irrigation bills relating to Hawaii is manifested in Washington by the representatives and senators who will shortly be called upon to pass on them, according to letters from George McK. McClellan, received by Governor Frear, yesterday morning in the Wilhelmina mail.

Both house and senate committees are conducting investigations into the terms and effects of the so-called "Kau Ditch" bill, and more properly the irrigation bill, and are taking the highest interest in them. A general line of amendment is being discussed, according to McClellan, that will if adopted, change the bill but little in substance.

One of these proposed amendments, advanced in the hearings being given the bill in committee, is that the irrigation companies operating under its clauses be forbidden to engage in agriculture. Another important proposed amendment is that the rental rates named in subleases issued by the company be subject to the approval of the Governor.

Two of Amendments.

Two other amendments that may be incorporated into the bill are also mentioned by McClellan, one of these being a clause which will limit the land leased to the irrigation companies to that necessary for a right of way. The other is that the rates on water shall be named by the company subject to the approval of the Governor.

According to the letters received from McClellan, John McCrosson, who is now in Washington, is agreeable to all the changes and a letter received from McCrosson himself by the Governor being similar in tone and adding that the writer was sorry that the objections had not been voiced earlier.

Up in January.

The hearing on the general irrigation bill has been continued until January. There has been one hearing before the house and senate committees on the McCrosson bill which, if passed, will turn over the water in Waianae Uka, claimed as the source of the streams from which the Waianae Agricultural Company draws its water, to McCrosson and his associates.

Arthur S. Tuttle, of New York, according to McClellan, is now in Washington opposing the bill, he being employed from Honolulu. Tuttle was in the Islands several years ago making water measurements in Waipio Valley for the Bishop Estate.

McClellan also mentioned the prohibition bill for Hawaii which has been introduced in the house by a Kansas member and comments on it to the effect that it has not a chance of being passed this session.

PROHIBITION, ALSO IRRIGATION BILLS

By Ernest G. Walker.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, December 15.—The prohibition question has been brought to the front here by the introduction of a bill to prevent the "selling of intoxicating beverages in the Territory of Hawaii." It was introduced by Representative Miller of Kansas, and has been referred to the house committee on territories.

There is little likelihood that the measure will be given serious consideration by either house of congress. The point has already been raised here that federal prohibition would be unwarranted in Hawaii, where the people last July voted 3 to 1 against prohibition.

The other topic of immediate Hawaiian interest here is the controversy over the bill to grant to John T. McCrosson and his associates for a term of not less than fifty years certain water rights upon Waianae Uka military reservation. The bill has been referred to the war department for consideration and report. Several protests have been forwarded from Honolulu, claiming that such a grant would be very prejudicial to the interests of the United States in that reservation.

There will be hearings on this bill, but not until representatives of the opposition to it have had time to reach Washington. Delegate Kalamianale has introduced a general irrigation bill, which has the endorsement of Governor Frear.

The river and harbor bill passed the house with all the Hawaiian items mentioned in a previous letter. These included \$250,000 for Hilo and a continuing contract for \$250,000 more. There is little likelihood that any of

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WILL WHIRL THROUGH THE UNKNOWN AIR CURRENTS



FOUR HIGH FLIERS ON THE ALEXANDER HOTEL ROOF GARDEN.
From left to right—Whipple Hall, Captain Thos. Baldwin, Mrs. Mars, J. C. (Bud) Mars.

Three Licensed Bird Men Arrive and Inspect Moanalua Field.

Licensed pilots of the air arrived yesterday from the mainland by the Matson steamship Wilhelmina, and a few hours later their mechanics had unfurled the wings of their mechanical birds to stretch them out in preparation for the series of flights they will make next Saturday, Sunday and Monday from the Moanalua polo field. J. C. (Bud) Mars, Capt. Thomas Baldwin and Tod Schriver, aviators whose names are world-famous, are the three men-birds who will pit their machines against the unknown air currents above the island of Oahu.

Each aviator carries a license as a pilot of the air, issued by the Aero Club of America, licenses which give them the right, under the auspices of the famous club, to traverse the almost limitless spaces above the earth, but, despite the fact that the air limits are almost unathomable, the height to which these mechanical birds may ascend is really limited.

Applauded Hoxsey's Feat.

The aviators were told on arrival of the feat of Hoxsey at Los Angeles, as contained in a special cablegram to the Advertiser, in reaching an altitude of 11,494 feet.

"Bully for him," chorused the bird men. And they showed that they were keenly delighted with Hoxsey's record-breaking ascension.

"Sure, there's a limit to an altitude flight of a heavier-than-air machine," said Captain Baldwin. "You see when you get up as high as that there is no air resistance, and you can't get a foot hold to climb any more. Your engine fails to carry you any higher. When you're down lower your machine can be worked against the air resistance, but when you get up in the record-breaking section there's nothing to help you go higher."

But the bird men are here and they are ready to make their flights. With Hall, the advance man who came here a week ago, there are four man birds in town. Dainty little Mrs. Mars is a high-flyer also, and has been "up" with her daring young husband twice.

"I would like to go up oftener," said Mrs. Mars, "but I'm not permitted to have my way—always."

Magnificent Field, but—

Soon after arrival yesterday Mars, Baldwin and Schriver were taken out to the polo field by Hall, and shown the place where they are expected to

SHINGLE HAS APPOINTED HIS OFFICE FORCE

City Treasurer-elect Shingle has appointed three men to the offices which come under his jurisdiction, and in each instance he has followed the recommendations made by the county committee, taking the first name from the lists proposed for each expected vacancy.

Eugene Campbell becomes deputy treasurer and chief clerk.

Andrew Cox becomes license collector, and Gustave Rose becomes license clerk.

The first named succeeds Manley Hopkins, who has held that office under R. H. Trent almost since the time Mr. Trent was first elected to office.

Andrew Cox succeeds Fred Turrill, who has occupied that position since the office was created. Gus Rose will succeed Mr. Andrade.

The new board of supervisors and the entire list of city and county officers begin their duties at twelve o'clock noon on January. The old board will hold a session at eleven-thirty, and exactly at twelve Mayor Fern will call the new board together.

On that date the only change in the elective city officers will be the installation of R. W. Shingle as treasurer, vice R. H. Trent, who was defeated for reelection.

CHINATOWN GETS A FRESH JOLT

Consul Carries Out Threat and Denounces All Chinese as Revolutionists.

Honolulu's Chinatown got a fresh jolt on Saturday last when the mail from the Orient arrived and a full transcription of the Chinese consul's report to his government was read in the Chinese papers. By this report it was seen that the consul had carried out his threat and denounced all the Honolulu Chinese as revolutionists, dangerous to the peace of mind of the Son of a Million Heavens and wicked conspirators against the throne of the Emperor.

As a consequence the fury felt against the local representative of that same Son of Heaven on the peacock throne has been added to. The Chinese Liberty News, the organ of the local revolutionists, seizes the report as grounds for an argument that as all Honolulu Chinese stand under the shadow of the executioner's knife they might as well be real revolutionists as stay the way they are, minding their own business and letting the Emperor of China mind his.

The full text of Consul Liang's report appears in a Canton publication. The report is made to the Viceroy of Kwang Tung and goes fairly far in its scope. According to it there are between ten and twelve thousand Chinese subjects in Hawaii, with between

Not content with being one of the most daring chaffeurs of the air, one of the swiftest, Mars intends to take on a little more of the swift element while he is in Honolulu. On Friday night he will become one of the Best People on Earth, by initiation into Honolulu Lodge 616, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A special session will be held for Mars and when he lies on Saturday he will wear the Elk's emblem. As the Elk is said to be one of the swiftest animals which course the earth, Mars may derive a little of its speed to use in the heavenly regions.

The entire party is stopping at the Young Hotel, where they have engaged a suite. In the party are Mr. and Mrs. Mars, Mr. and Mrs. Schriver and Captain Baldwin. They posed for their photograph on the Young Hotel roof garden, and after facing the camera, the bird men flitted up to the stone parapet.

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SST! THIS IS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

Democrats Under Oath to Be Very Silent, but—Hold Secret Meeting.

Sworn to absolute secrecy members of the Democratic central committee filed down the stairway from their headquarters over the Criterion last night, each with his finger on his lip, each suspicious of the other for fear that he would break the oath of silence, and all hoped that the discussion would remain unpublished.

The fact is, however, that the meeting was held without the chairman being present, but policemen were there aplenty. There were captains and lieutenants and bicycle policemen and foot police, but none were on duty, and it seemed like the good old times of the campaign just past, when they could crowd around like flies over a sugar bowl.

Even the mayor, who was present, excused himself from making a statement on the ground that he had only just got into the meeting when it adjourned. A captain of police said he was sorry, but he couldn't tell anything as he was under oath, but not before he had replied to a question which indicated that the name of Harry Juen formed a part of the discussion, bearing on the hope that the sheriff may be induced to make a vacancy in the detective bureau for Mr. Juen. The hope is that the sheriff may give chief McDuffie walking papers and install Harry Juen as chief instead.

Shades of Vidocq!

One of the members who attended (Continued on Page Four.)

STEAMER WRECKED.

VICTORIA, December 27.—Wreckage from the British steamer St. Denis is washing ashore on the coast of Vancouver Island. The St. Denis sailed from Union Bay, British Columbia, November 19, for Acapulco and passed Taosuh November 21, since when no word has been heard of her. It is feared that her crew has perished. The St. Denis was a freighter of 278 tons register and carried a crew of twenty-five.

TWO MILES HIGH.

LOS ANGELES, December 27.—The world's record for altitude in a heavier than air machine was broken here yesterday when Archibald Hoxsey, the aviator, reached the height of 11,474 feet at Dominguez Field in a biplane.

ISLANDERS REVOLT.

TSINGTAU, December 27.—A revolt of the natives has occurred on Ponape, Caroline group. Four Europeans have been killed and five natives friendly to the Europeans lost their lives. German cruisers have been sent to stop the disturbance.

MORE ENGINEERS ORDERED TO HAWAII

Company I, Third Battalion, from Fort Leavenworth to Fort De Russy.

ORDER COMES AS SURPRISE

Command Expected to Be Sent to Philippines—Work Is to Be Rushed.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, December 28.—Orders have been received here from the war department transferring Company I, of the Third Battalion of Engineers, U. S. A., to Honolulu, Hawaii, and arrangements are now under way to entrain the command.

The order comes as a surprise as it was the expectation of the officers and men to be sent to the Philippines for two years of service. The change to Hawaii is being received with a great deal of satisfaction.

At present Companies I, K and L are stationed here, and it is considered probable that one of the remaining companies, after the departure of Company I, may be ordered to the Philippines to relieve either Company E or H, now stationed in those islands with headquarters in Manila.

Company G is now at Fort De Russy, near Honolulu, and the new order increasing the engineer force there is taken as an indication that the work of fortifying the Island of Oahu will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

LOCK NEGRO IN VAULT TO SAVE LYNCHING

WESTON, West Virginia, December 28.—A company of West Virginia militia is occupying the streets of this town in an effort to save a negro from lynching by a determined mob of farmers from this district. The negro is charged with a criminal assault upon the daughter of a farmer near here.

To save the life of the wretched man he has been placed in the receiving vault of an express company, where it will be impossible for a mob to get at him without the use of heavy charges of dynamite, which would endanger the building and surrounding property if used.

OFFICERS ARRESTED, CONSPIRACY CHARGED

GARY, Indiana, December 28.—The mayor, chief of police and eight officials of this city have been arrested upon warrants charging conspiracy. The charge grows out of the bitter political fight which has been waging here for a long time. The specific charges are based upon an alleged combination to violate the election laws during the recent November election. The arrests have given bail. The arrests caused a sensation in this part of the State.

BRITISHERS WIN.

VANCOUVER, December 28.—In a hard fought intercollegiate match here yesterday between the Vancouver University and Stanford University teams of rugby football players, Vancouver defeated the southern team.

MT. ETNA ACTIVE.

CATANIA, Italy, December 28.—Mt. Etna, across the Strait of Messina in Sicily, is in eruption, and the peasants are fleeing from the surrounding territory. No loss of life has been reported as yet.

APPROVES PLANS.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—President Taft has approved the report of the army engineers for the various reclamation projects in the West, which are estimated will cost twenty million dollars.

UNIVERSITIES TIE.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—After a hard fought gridiron battle fought here yesterday by Berkeley and Stanford Universities for two halves neither football team scored.

MAYOR HUXFORD DEAD.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—Major William P. Huxford, recorder of the military order of the Loyal Legion, is dead.

BATTLE AGAIN PREDICTED.

CHIHUAHUA, December 27.—Reinforcements are reaching General Navarro, and a battle with the rebels is impending.

MALIHINI TREE GREAT SUCCESS



THE MALIHINI CHRISTMAS TREE.

Several hundred children, of all nationalities, received their gifts before the weather man turned on the tap.

Over Two Thousand Poor Children Are Made Glad.

Realization of just how much the Malihini Christmas Tree meant to over 2000 of the poor children of this city was accentuated, Monday morning, by the rain, which started falling soon after the distribution of presents began. The rain was not needed, but it proved one thing, and that is the Malihini Christmas Tree is too good

to lose and that its annual blooming brings joy to the youngsters who will become, many of them, citizens of this Territory. As it was not a child left his place in line because of the rain. What was a little rain to them while in sight of that gorgeous sunlit tree and the tables loaded with the good things for just them.

It was the greatest Malihini Christmas Tree celebration which has yet been held in Honolulu. The rain which fell was a rainbow christening, in which all who took part received benefit. Thus was the final stamp placed on this happy charity, which in the years to come will undoubtedly develop as one of the annual events of the Paradise of the Pacific, known of far and wide, wherever Christmas trees

are joy bringers.

Great Success.

The tree was a great success, measured by the happiness it brought, not only to the children who received, but to all who partook in the work of preparation or of giving.

The sun shone gloriously when the beautiful tree, supplied by the forestry bureau, was planted on the steps of the Capitol; there was no indication that it would rain, and shortly after nine o'clock the work of decorating it began. Meanwhile the children were gathering by hundreds. All nationalities were represented; white "kids" from all around, Hawaiian youngsters from everywhere, Japanese "kiddies," in costume and out; Russian, Chinese, Portuguese, Filipino and

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